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SUBJ: ARREST OF SPANISH MILITARY OFFICERS

1. CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION HAS APPARENTLY BEEN AROUSED BY THE ANNOUNCEMENT LATE ON JULY 29 BY MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN MADRID THAT A MAJOR AND SIX CAPTAINS HAD BEEN PLACED UNDER ARREST PENDING JUDICIAL ACTION. NO OTHER INFORMATION HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING FROM OFFICIAL SOURCES BUT THE PURPORTED OFFENSES ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH POLITICAL ACTIVITY BY THESE OFFICERS.

2. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION OF JULY 30 UPI STORY DATED IN MADRID TO EFFECT THAT OFFICERS ARE SUSPECTED OF HAVING EXPRESSED SYMPATHIES FOR THE PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT, ALTHOUGH SOME QUALIFIED AND CAUTIOUS NOTES OF SYMPATHY ARE HEARD FROM TIME TO TIME.

3. THESE ARRESTS COME AGAINST BACKGROUND OF REPEATED PUBLIC REMINDERS BY SENIOR MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO THE MILITARY FORCES, AS POLITICAL ASSOCIATION MOVEMENT GETS UNDER WAY IN SPAIN, THAT MILITARY SERVICE AND POLITICS DO NOT MIX IN SPAIN.

4. FOR FURTHER DETAILS, WE COMMEND TO DEPT'S ATTENTION USDAO MADRID REPORTS IR 6-889-0238-75 (DTG 30/1030Z JUL 75) AND IR 6-889-0240-75 (DTG 31/1610Z JUL 75).

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